

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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*In re* Application of: Hoeffler, et al.  
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Title: MICROARRAYS AND USES  
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Byrd, et al.  
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S/ METHODS FOR MOLECULAR  
S/ BIOLOGY  
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**AMENDMENT/RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF MARCH 17, 2008**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed March 17, 2009, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the accompanying amendments and remarks. The extendable due date for response to the instant Office Action, under a three-month shortened statutory period, is June 17, 2009. Applicants hereby petition for a **three (3)-month extension** of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), thereby extending the due date for response to **September 17, 2009**. In association therewith, Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge Deposit Account No. 50-3994 in the amount of **\$1,110.00**, which includes the extension of time fee set forth under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3). Applicants do not believe that any additional fees are due in connection with this Response. However, in the unlikely event that any such fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the same to Deposit Account No. 50-3994, with reference to our matter IVGN 274.1.

*Changes to the claims* begin on page 2 of this paper, and

*Remarks* beginning on page 5 of this paper.